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1. The North Korean naval forces and headquarters which had been established in Najin-dong (100-15, 42-10) were transferred at the beginning of April 1950 to Songjin (129-12, 40-40). A naval force of approximately 1,500 was moved on 13 April to the new base.
2. Since Songjin had no military barracks for the new arrivals, about 500 of the naval personnel were accommodated in a warship anchored in the harbor. The remaining thousand were quartered in the dormitory of the Songjin High Frequency Plant, at Sangpo-dong, occupying even the plant hospital. Construction of military installations, including barracks, was begun immediately at Manghyang-dong (望陽洞), which was closed to civilian traffic.
3. Traffic is also prohibited between Manghyang-dong and Gangpo-dong. Fishermen were ordered out of the harbor and its vicinity and were forced to transfer their activities to Nonghapo (農下浦) and Yongampo (124-22, 39-56).
4. On 13 April, three large steel vessels of military type, fully armed, and with an estimated crew of a thousand men, were anchored in Songjin port. There were also about twenty 15-ton diesel engine craft.
5. On 16 May, two vessels of sixty and eighty tons respectively entered the port. These were smuggling craft from Japan, with six Korean crew members; they carried riveting machines, spinning machine parts, pistons for vehicles, electric parts, metals, and dyes. This cargo was bartered for hides and mineral ores, and the craft departed on 24 May. While the ships were in port, the crews were well treated by the authorities, who appeared to welcome the trade.

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